

CHAPTER IX

CAMPS

Section 1. Registration and License

The management of every organized camp covered by Chapter 416 of the Acts of 1939 shall annually apply for a license in writing to the Board of Health. This application shall state the location and type of camp, the approximate and maximum number of persons by whom it is to be used, the probable duration of occupancy, the proposed sources of water and milk supply for the camp and the proposed method of sewage and garbage disposal. If the camp is used the year around, such application shall be made annually not later than January 1st, or, if used during a portion of the year, at least 30 days in advance of the date when the requested license is desired to take effect.

Section 2. Camp Site.

The camp site shall be such that is practical to provide and maintain proper sanitary facilities. The location shall be on porous, well-draining soil, and shall afford facilities for obtaining a good water supply and a safe method of sewage disposal.

It shall be of adequate size to prevent over-crowding. Each camping unit shall contain not less than 400 square feet of usable space, and no unit shall be permitted to accommodate more than one overnight cabin or tent.

No camp shall be established on the watershed of a public water supply until proper sanitary facilities have been provided and all sanitary facilities shall be in accordance with the rules and regulations for the sanitary protection of

public water supplies made by the State Department of Public Health under the provisions of Chapter 111, Section 160, General Laws.

Section 3. Plan of Camp.

Every camp shall have available for inspection a plan or sketch indicating the locale of all local sources of water supply and other sanitary facilities including the toilets, cesspools, and receptacles for garbage refuse, and signs shall be posted indicating the location of such facilities.

Section 4. Water Supply.

Every camp shall have a water supply of safe, sanitary quality and sufficient in quantity for the maximum population using the camp at any time. Such water supply shall be easily obtainable from its source or from the faucets or bubblers on a pipe distribution system. Dipping of receptacles into the source of supply shall not be permitted. Common drinking vessels shall not be provided or permitted.

Drinking fountains shall be of sanitary design and construction.

Any source of water supply, the water of which is found to be polluted or of questionable quality, shall be posted as unsafe.

Section 5. Sewage and Waste Water Disposal

No camp shall be operated without facilities adequate for the proper disposal of the sewage and waste water. There shall be separate accommodations for each sex, so located as to be easily accessible to all parts of the camp.

Camps so located and equipped that water under suitable pressure and public sewers are available shall be equipped with flush toilets and connected with the public sewerage system. Camps not so located shall be provided with equipment adequate for the disposal of the sewage and waste water in a sanitary manner.

There shall be at least one toilet seat for each 15 campers when the camp is operated to full capacity and one urinal of vitreous matter shall also be provided for each 25 men.

No privy shall be located within 50 feet of any kitchen, dining room, mess hall or other place where food is prepared or served.

Toilet structures shall be fly-tight, well lighted and ventilated.

In cleaning septic tanks, cesspools, chemical closets, privy vaults or pits, the contents shall be removed and disposed of in a manner satisfactory to the Board of Health so that they will not become a menace to the public health, create a nuisance, or contaminate any water supply or bathing place. Vault contents shall be treated frequently by sprinkling with chloride of lime or a compound equally effective for preventing nuisances.

Section 6. Disposal of Garbage and Rubbish

Every camp shall be provided with metal, tight covered receptacles for garbage, placed at a suitable point or points at the camp and sufficient in number to contain all such garbage. All garbage shall be deposited in them. The contents of these covered receptacles shall be removed daily when the camp is in use and, under proper supervision, buried or disposed of in sanitary manner so as not to create a nuisance.

Garbage shall not be thrown or deposited in any ravine, ditch or gutter, on any street or highway, into any waters, or be permitted to remain exposed upon the surface of the ground.

Garbage receptacles shall be thoroughly washed at frequent intervals.

Every camp shall be provided with suitable receptacles with tight covers for rubbish, and all waste papers, bottles and tin cans shall be placed in them. The contents shall be removed at least twice a week when the camp is in use and burned or otherwise disposed of in a sanitary manner under proper supervision.

Section 7. Food.

The quality and handling of all foods sold or offered for sale on the camp premises shall conform to the regulations of the Board of Health and to the Tercentenary Edition of the General Laws as amended or as may hereafter be amended.

Section 8. Bathing Places.

No bathing place shall be established or used which is subject to dangerous contamination. Swimming and wading pools and bathing places shall be operated and maintained in accordance with the recommendations of the Joint Committee on Bathing Places of the Conference of State Sanitary Engineers and the American Public Health Association.

(Copies of this report may be obtained from the office of the State Department of Public Health, upon request.)

Section 9. Shower Baths.

Camps provided with shower baths shall have separate compartments for each sex. A minimum of one shower head for each sex shall be provided for camps up to 20 persons, and one additional head for each additional 20 persons or fraction thereof. Concrete floors and suitable waste water disposal shall also be installed.

Section 10. Living Quarters.

Living quarters, including dormitories, dining rooms, kitchens, bath and toilet rooms, laundries, and other shelters shall be properly screened, well ventilated and lighted, free from vermin and insects, and the floors raised not less than 12 inches from the ground. Screen doors shall be of the self-closing type. The floors of all kitchens, dining rooms, bath, toilet and wash rooms and laundries shall be water-tight.

No windows shall open directly into any enclosed garage space.

All plumbing fixtures shall be properly trapped and vented and made sanitary in every particular, and all piping conditions shall be in accordance with the plumbing Rules formulated by the State Examiners of Plumbers as required by Section 8 of Chapter 142 of the General Laws.

Section 11. Caretaker and Maintenance of Sanitary Conditions.

The camp shall be supervised by a capable manager or caretaker who shall reside at the camp or visit it every day when it is occupied. It shall be the duty of the manager or caretaker to keep the camp and its equipment in a clean and sanitary condition.

The owner or management of each camp shall assume responsibility for maintaining the camp in proper sanitary condition in accordance with these rules and regulations, copies of which shall be posted at a conspicuous place in the camp.

The camp when closed for the season shall be left clean and in a sanitary condition.

Section 12. Communicable Disease.

Whenever a case of disease dangerous to the public is discovered or any unusual amount of illness occurs in any camp, the person in charge shall at once notify the Board of Health. The patient shall be isolated and not removed from the camp except by order of the Board of Health.

Section 13. Trailer Camps.

The foregoing regulations shall apply to trailer camps or parks. The following special regulations also shall apply;

1. Each trailer unit shall have an area of not less than 600 square feet, with suitable markers set at each corner. No unit shall be permitted to accommodate more than one trailer. The minimum distance between trailers, a trailer or a building, or a trailer and a property line, shall be 10 feet. The minimum distance from a street line to a trailer shall be 15 feet.

2. No toilet installed in any trailer coach shall, except in case of sickness, be used while the trailer is parked in a trailer camp. Sink and other wastes shall not be discharged onto the ground, but shall be discharged into a suitable receptacle or through a connection with a pipe leading to a sewer, cesspool or other subsurface disposal works.

Section 14. Separability.

So far as the Board of Health may provide each section of these rules and regulations shall be construed as separate to the end that if any section, sentence, clause or phrase shall be held invalid for any reason, the remainder of the rules and regulations shall continue in full force.

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Section 15. Penalty.

(a) Criminal Complaint - Whoever violates any provision of these rules and regulations may be penalized by indictment or on complaint brought in the District Court. Except as may otherwise be provided by law, and as the District Court may see fit to impose, the maximum penalty for any violation of these provisions shall be \$300.00 for each offense.

(b) Non-Criminal Disposition - Whoever violates any provision of these rules and regulations may, in the discretion of the Health Agent, be penalized by a non-criminal complaint in the District Court pursuant to the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 21D. For the purpose of this provision the penalty to apply in the event of a violation shall be as follows: \$50.00 for the first offense; \$100.00 for the second offense; \$200.00 for the third offense; and \$300.00 for the fourth and each subsequent offense. Each day on which a violation exists shall be deemed to be a separate offense.

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